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MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Some Indications of Its Progress in 1909

ISSUED JANUARY, 1910

THE LIBRARY
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

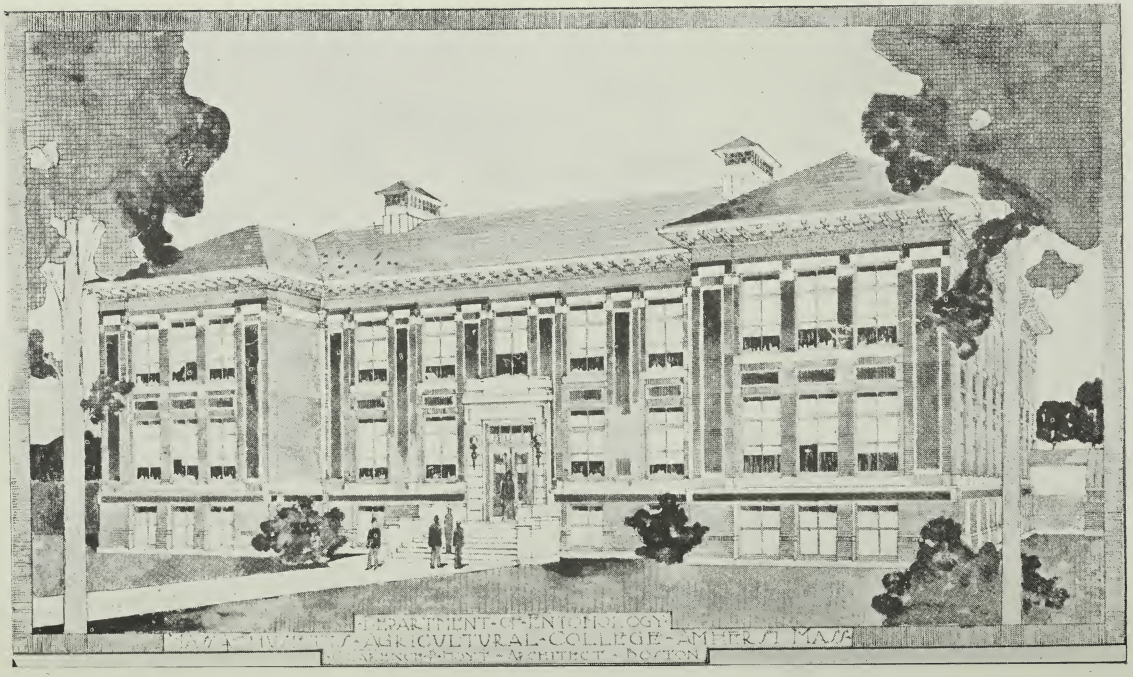
THE BARNS
(Rebuilt in 1909.)

EQUIPMENT

The State Legislature granted a total of $158,500 for new buildings, equipment, repairs, and land, including an item of $30,000 for reimbursement for loss of the barn by fire in 1908; including also provision for the construction of a fire proof laboratory for entomology and zoology to cost approximately $80,000.

The range of glass houses and attached instruction building for which the Legislature of 1908 appropriated $34,000, were completed in the spring of 1909.

Control of a tract of land designed to be developed into a recreation ground and enclosed athletic field, was secured by the college authorities.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF LABORATORY FOR ENTOMOLOGY AND ZOOLOGY

(In process of construction)

FRENCH HALL AND DURFEE PLANT HOUSES

(Floriculture and Market Gardening)

(Completed in 1909.)

MAINTENANCE

An increase of $22,000, representing an increase of nearly 27 per cent. was granted by the state for general maintenance and further instruction.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

The above appropriation provided for the employment of a professor of forestry, an additional instructor in English and public speaking, and other assistants. The professor of forestry has as yet not been secured, but will be selected as soon as possible.

The department of Short Courses became a separate department of the college, with a man of experience and thorough training as its director. This department will supervise in addition to the winter and summer schools already established, a short course in poultry keeping, a farmers' week, a bee keeping course, lecture courses, and a correspondence school.

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NEW COURSES

Over fifty new courses of instruction in the regular collegiate department were announced for the first time in the catalog for 1909; several other courses formerly given have been greatly amplified and extended.

ATTENDANCE

The present number of four year students is 326, an increase of 59, or 22 per cent. over the attendance of the previous year.

The total enrollment is 589, this figure representing an increase of 73, or 14 per cent. over that of 1908.

Approximately 7000 letters were written by the officers of the college and experiment station, in answer to requests for information of a scientific or practical nature.

About 200 lectures were given away from the college by its officers; these lectures were for the most part given free of charge and were before granges, farmers' institutes, high schools, boards of trade, etc.

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